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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office in New York

NEW YORK - Roger Frederick Sagerman was sworn in today as an immigration judge for the Ulster Immigration Court during an investiture ceremony at 1:30 p.m. at the U.S. Court of International Trade. Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

Judge Sagerman joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 54 immigration courts throughout the nation. Immigration judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, immigration judges completed more than 300,000 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

Roger Frederick Sagerman was appointed as an immigration judge in September 2006. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1988 from Tufts University and a juris doctorate in 1993 from the University of Buffalo. He also received a certificate in strategic intelligence in 2003 from the Joint Military Intelligence College. From July 1998 to September 2006, Judge Sagerman served in various positions at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Washington, D.C., including Chief of the Enforcement Law Division, appellate counsel, and an associate general counsel. From April 1996 to June 1998, he served as an assistant district counsel for the INS in Napanoch and Fishkill, N.Y. Judge Sagerman is a member of the New York and Colorado bars.

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EOIR is responsible for adjudicating immigration cases. Specifically, under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR interprets and administers the federal immigration laws by conducting immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR consists of three components: the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, which is responsible for managing the numerous immigration courts located throughout the United States where immigration judges adjudicate individual cases; the Board of Immigration Appeals, which primarily conducts appellate reviews of immigration judge decisions; and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, which adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to providing the fair, expeditious, and uniform application of the nation's immigration laws in all cases.

Information about EOIR immigration proceedings is available on EOIR's website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/press/subject.htm>.